

I am writing to you today to urge you to reject the current petition from the NAB (NAB04-160) regarding the availability of locally centric (though nationally distributed) broadcast media. As a person who spends a good deal of time in my car, I value not only the music and news stations that are provided by XM radio, but the local content as well. On more than one occasion I have relied on the traffic reports to help navigate my trip.

As a paying subscriber to XM radio, do not feel that the same restrictions should be placed upon XM radio as broadcast (over the air) radio stations; Just as satellite television is not subject to the same restrictions placed on networks and affiliate stations, I feel that it would be inappropriate to use radio broadcast regulations to regulate Satellite radio